

HOUSE BILL 2747

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AN ACT to enact the "Tennessee Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program Act of 2008" and to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to advanced educational courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, is amended by adding a new appropriately designated chapter as follows:

§ 49-__-101. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program Act of 2008."

§49-__-102. The purpose of this chapter is to provide access to advanced educational courses and corresponding tests in preparation for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational environment.

§ 49-__-103. As used in this chapter, unless the content otherwise requires:

(1) "Advanced placement course" means a high school preparatory course for a College Board Advanced Placement test that incorporates all topics specified by the College Board and the Educational Testing Service on its standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College Board and Educational Testing Service; and

(2) "International Baccalaureate Diploma Program" means an international education program offered by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

§ 49-__-104.

(a) The Tennessee Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program, to be administered by the department of education, is hereby established.

(b) To the extent funds have been appropriated in the general appropriations act and are available to the program and based on criteria established by the department of education, schools participating in the program may be awarded equipment and instructional materials grants by the department for providing advanced placement courses or courses offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

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(1) To the extent funds have been appropriated in the general appropriations act and are available to the program, the department may pay in full, or on a pro rata basis as determined under subdivision (2), the cost of the advanced placement test fee or the equivalent test fee under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, or both.

(2) The state board of education may create a sliding scale for payment of fees under subdivision (1) based on family income.

SECTION 3. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.